

# Georgia Chapter "S"

Winder, GA

*The Motorcickle Capital of the World*

**GWRRA REGION A**

**APRIL, 2017**



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## GoldWing Road Riders Association



**GWRRA**



**Region A**



**Georgia District**



**Chapter S**

Chapter Gathering: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month, 7:00 PM, Golden Corral, Winder, Georgia  
 Next Chapter Gathering: Tuesday May 2, 2017

### CD's Corner

Well, if you have ever wondered what GWRRA is all about, just attend any Region Rally. Joe and I recently returned from the Florida Region Rally. We had an absolute blast! There were about 500 fellow Gold Wings laughing, playing bingo, greeting old friends as well as making new ones. We walked and shopped among the many vendors, ate great burgers and ribs in the hotel, and judged the costume and chapter pride contests. We became friends with the other District COYS and still found time to play some cards with our ACD's Mike and Sandy.

We learned a lot about GWRRA and what it means to be a part of a larger whole. Sometimes we get lost and absorbed into thinking that it is only a chapter thing. Having pride in your chapter is always important but never lose sight that GWRRA extends past the imaginary lines that defines each chapter. The motto of GWRRA is FUN, SAFETY, and KNOWLEDGE. As a chapter we always have fun riding our Gold Wings and showing our chapter pride. Let's make time to think beyond those imaginary chapter lines and join in fun activities with other chapters, attending others' gatherings, and spending time at other District Rallies. The District newsletter/ web page is always full of activities. If you see something you would enjoy doing, please make a suggestion. Joe and I are always up for a ride!

Our chapter has many fun activities already posted on our webpage. Remember to make your reservations soon so that you, too, can be out there enjoying the gorgeous Georgia by-ways!



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**Glenn Wisdom**  
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Ride safe and Ride often.  
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# Rides & Events

Chop House



Gumlog



Milo's



Florida Rally



## Birthdays



- 4/2 Lois Riner
- 4/9 Ken Thrasher
- 4/17 Lee Johnson
- 4/18 Traci Thrasher
- 4/26 Dave Brown



- 4/4 Gary Verhulst
- 4/10 Joe Piper
- 4/18 Carlos Lozano
- 4/25 Jimmy Smith

## Anniversaries

- 4/7 Marshall & Jeanne King
- 4/14 Bob & Cheri Dejardin

- 4/11 Steve & Amy Yates

## Calendar of Events

Date	Event
4/1	CPR/First Aid Class, Winder
4/3	Chapter Gathering, Golden Corral, Winder
4/6—7	Beach Boys Concert, Franklin, NC
4/8	Chapter T Fun Day, Commerce
4/12	Dinner Ride, Blazer's, Statham
4/20—22	TN District Rally, Pigeon Forge
4/30	Medically Fragile Children Family Fun Ride, Milledgeville
5/2	Chapter Gathering, Golden Corral, Winder

## Rider Education:

Motorcycle Tips and Techniques  
By The Master Strategy Group

Coffee- If you Need It, STOP  
Drugs are no substitute for rest when you need it

By: James R. Davis

You're out on a tour and 400 + miles are behind you. Every hour or so you have made a pit stop for gas and/or food. Now you're really getting tired. Time for a cup of coffee, right?

WRONG!

Coffee, Coke, No-Doze and other stimulants/drugs DO NOT WORK to keep you alert when you're tired. Better, find a place to stop and take a nap.

Even half an hour is sufficient to re-charge your battery enough to let you go on, if you need to.

Better still, find a place to stop for the rest of the day and get a normal night's sleep.

Though I have done more than 600 miles in a day, in terrible weather, I find that I can sustain any number of days on the road so long as I don't average more than 350 miles per day- and make plenty of stops along the way. (You are planning a long leg on your tour I suggest you make it for the first or second day. Later than that and the odds are you will not be able to complete it safely). Coffee and drugs are no substitute for

getting some rest when you need it, and a little thoughtful planning of your itinerary will help as well.



Also, make sure you are physically in shape to make the long trip! Be prepared to meet the vigorous and varying road and weather conditions.

Jimmy and Winona Atkinson  
Rider Educators

## Motorist Awareness:

The majority of you have lived in this area much longer than Bob or I have. Sadly, we are still finding our way around the roads that are alternates to I85. That will have to change quickly as the result of the yesterday's event, the collapse of a section of that main highway. We can all be sure that this will result in more traffic in areas and on roads that otherwise would seem like an easy ride.

This is just a reminder, that while on your motorcycle mo-

torists may be a little more distracted while looking for detours. Also their tempers may be inflamed due to delays. And paying attention to what is around them, especially a motorcycle, may not be their priority unfortunately, however unintentional. So my point is we all have to EXTRA aware out there because we now have additional potential hazards.

Have fun and be safe, so it stays  
A beautiful day in the neighborhood



Bob and Barbara Ragonese  
Motorist Awareness Coordinators

## Goofy's Scorecard—2017

**Jan: Vance**—for putting the wrong MEC article in the newsletter

**Feb: Gary**—for going to the wrong meeting place for the New Year's Day Ride

**Mar: Gary**—kept him because he was in Florida

## Goofy's Adventures

Look who I've  
been playing  
with!!



"I Love to  
Ride"

WOW!!!! I'm gonna be with Gary and Shirl. I'm just so happy to be back at their house. Gary carried me out to their new car, a 2016 Lincoln. It was raining and Gary didn't want my feet to get wet. I stayed in the house last night and came out to the shop in the morning. I heard Gary and Shirl talking and someone told them about me drinking. I thought "That's what happens in someone's house who stays there". DON'T WORRY I'LL FIND OUT WHO RATTED ME OUT.

I went to the chapter fun day and did I ever have fun! I got to see a lot of familiar faces. Gary let me sit right on the table so everyone could chat with me. The food was the best. The rest of the month went normal, with people stopping in to the shop to get tires and make sure that their Iron Horses were fit for the summer.

I heard Gary and Shirl talking and they're going to Daytona and I have never been there so I'm gonna hide in their RV and be there. I will tell him that I will just take the bus to Janel's house. He'll believe me.

Oh, what a nice ride I had coming down to Florida. I hope Gary and Shirl don't get too mad when they find me. I hid under their Trike next to the wall.

Here goes the SURPRISE! Gary almost had a Coronary. He yelled "SHIRL GET HERE QUICK", and I just said SURPRISE, I'm here. Gary had to call Joe and Janel and tell them that I wouldn't be at the meeting.

Things started out really good. Gary had to set up with the vendors across from Cabbage Patch, and I got to meet a lot of vendors that were new to me, as they were Harley Vendors. Gary took care of a lot of things besides just the vendors. He handled the medical emergencies and was on Security, also.

Gary told Shirl that he had to help with the wet Tee Shirt contest one night and Shirl just said she was gonna work on her paintings. I asked Gary if I could go along and he said I had to be at least 21 years old. I told him that I just had my 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday (I Lied of course.) Well here I am at a wet Tee shirt contest and I just wasn't prepared for what was gonna happen but I have to tell you, WOW, and double WOW I can't really talk about it because @#%#&^. You know what I mean. I also got to see midget wrestling. Boy, was that ever cool. A lot of people my size. I really liked that. I got to see girls in Slime wrestling, some of them just couldn't stand up in them pools, but that was OK by me. What a sight to see. There again, you will just have to imagine.

Boy does time fly! Gary and Shirl are packing up to go home. I get to ride in the front seat on the way home. I can't wait to get to the next meeting for the Chapter. I know who ever I go home with will have a lot slower pace, but I will miss the eye candy.



## Tidbits from the Brok...en Bit Shop – Opinions on Gold Wing Suspensions, Part II

Last month I attempted to plant some seeds to foster debate and exchange of experiences on our Gold Wings' suspensions. Of course I haven't yet heard any feedback on that because I draft these articles well in advance and you haven't yet even had an opportunity to read those seeds, but I fully expect some debate eventually. Meanwhile, here are some more opinions to think about.

Perhaps some of you are familiar with "Motorcycle Consumer News" (MCNEWS). It isn't in any way associated with "Consumer Reports", but I like to think of it as the consumer reports of the motorcycle world because they take no advertising and seem to try hard to maintain an objective stance on their bike and equipment test reports. They also ran a short feature article on Traxxion Dynamics' suspension research way back in March 2007. The fact that MCNEWS published such a report lends an element of credibility to the company's products in my mind, so I recently reviewed it again to see what issues it addressed.

In doing so, I was taken aback by the very first sentence of the article that read, "The true test of suspension performance is racing." No argument there. I've frequented enough racetracks to know that winning requires a collection of many things being done right simultaneously and getting suspensions right is clearly one of those. Certainly race-tested and proven components are what you would want on your machine if the goal were to win races, but does that technology always transfer smoothly to other uses????

In my younger days, I used to love helping a friend with a speed shop campaign his sprint car on the dirt tracks around the Southeast. Much has happened since then and the modern Outlaw Sprints go even faster today, but some things haven't changed. Both the old and new sprint cars are designed to run very fast on dirt tracks that require only left turns. Try to turn one to the right under heavy throttle even on level, dry asphalt and you will quickly discover they are very much purpose-built machines. In spite of what you might do with the steering wheel the sprinter will not turn right with a lot of power applied, and it might even try to turn left in response to the locked rear axle and staggered rollout on the large rear tires. The lack of a battery, clutch, starter and transmission might also bother you if considering the vehicle for casual touring use, along with the high cost fuel and abysmal mileage. But one thing you would be likely to find on a successful vehicle of that type would be a very high quality and well-maintained set of suspension components.



So, what is my point? Well, let's just say that racing and touring are two very different pursuits with very different objectives and needs. What works on a racing bike may not be so hot for your touring machine and the inverse would also be true. That is not to say that companies who do race track research can't also design excellent quality touring components. Many do. Just be mindful of the intended use for your Wings and select components accordingly. Personally, I'm a little troubled by another line in the article above which was billed as a quote from the Traxxion Dynamics' founder Max McAllister. It said, "Nobody is faster than us; we can build a new model kit ready in days." That is of course important to the folks in the Superbike racetrack pit areas when new bikes come out. I'll leave it to you to decide how many days you would like for them to spend researching your Gold Wing suspension components.

Am I being too hard on Ole Max and his high-quality suspension components? Sure I am. The stated objective here was to foster debate, right? Traxxion Dynamics' products can be a joy even to look at with their beautifully machined shock valve bodies made from 7075 aluminum rather than the cheaper and more common 6061 material, and Max certainly has a few race wins to his credit as well. But please don't forget that others haven't exactly been standing still the last few years either. Max has a few wins. Others have a lot, and I still say the stock 1800's have very pleasing suspension performance straight out of the box. Ditto for the braking, engine performance, comfortable seating, the electronics and most everything else.

Think of it this way. If unmodified Gold Wings are so bad, why did you rush out and spend \$25,000 to acquire one? And if you didn't do that, it might be possible something is worn out on the used one you bought, or that the previous owner made some bad choices. Enough said. I still have my flack jacket on and my ears open ready to learn from you. I'm just rocking along enjoying the Black Diamond pretty much the way she came except for some traditional safety chrome and amenities designed to make the Queen more comfortable.

The truth is, I don't think those Crane or Cam Dynamics roller cams we used to use in the old sprint car's engine would have impressed you much in heavy traffic situations either, even if you do savor the smell of alcohol and nitro-methane fumes blowing across the track into the grandstands in the dusty night air. I think the Black Diamond and I will just stick with our stock touring components for now. I haven't entered her in a Gold Wing race lately anyway. Haven't even heard of one. How about you?

Dave Brown, Technician Par Excellence

## Just for Fun - Test Your Skills

### 60's Songs

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 PUPPY LOVE  
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 SPOOKY  
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TEEN ANGEL  
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 WHITE RABBIT  
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Unused letters spell out another song.



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## 2017 Schedule of Events

- 5/2 Chapter Gathering, Golden Corral, Winder  
 5/6—7 SC District Rally, Beaufort  
 5/11 Dinner Ride, El Centinela, Winder  
 5/18—20 AL District Rally, Mobile  
 5/27—29 Memorial Day Ride, Okefenokee Swamp  
 6/6 Chapter Gathering, Golden Corral, Winder  
 6/17 Breakfast Ride, Yesterday Café, Rutledge  
 6/22—24 GA District Rally, Dalton  
 6/29 Dinner Ride, Oyster Bay, Lawrenceville  
 7/6 Dinner Ride, Visit Chapter T, Ryan's, Athens  
 7/11 Chapter Gathering, Golden Corral, Winder  
 7/22 Chapter Ride, Buckeye's, Jersey  
 8/1 Chapter Gathering, Golden Corral, Winder  
 8/12 Breakfast Ride, Fender's Diner, Cornelia  
 8/17 Dinner Ride, Blind Pig Tavern, Athens  
 8/21 Solar Eclipse Ride, Northeast GA  
 8/30—9/3 Wing Ding, Grapevine, TX  
 9/5 Chapter Gathering, Golden Corral, Winder  
 9/16 Lunch Ride, Whistle Stop Café, Juliette  
 9/21 Dinner Ride, Hot Rods Diner, Social Circle  
 9/28—30 NC District Rally, Waynesville, NC  
 9/30 Chapter A Fun Day, Stockbridge  
 10/3 Chapter Gathering, Golden Corral, Winder  
 10/10 Dinner Ride, Fatz, Winder  
 10/20—22 Fall Leaf Ride, Little Switzerland, NC  
 10/26—28 Region A Rally, Eufaula, AL  
 11/7 Chapter Gathering, Golden Corral, Winder  
 11/16 Dinner Ride, Bone Island Grill, Athens  
 Note: No Chapter Gathering in December  
 12/2 Salvation Army Toy Ride, Cycle World, Athens  
 12/9 Christmas Party, Winder Woman's Club

## District News

Chapter A captured the Plaque from Chapter I-2. Chapter A offered it April 1st. Chapter T captured it and will offer it at their Fun Day April 8.

Chapter E-2 gave the Hot Potato to F-2, who took it to I-2. I-2 then took it to B-2.

Here is a link to a medical information card you can print out and carry with you:

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Puzzle Solution:

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## **Just a few quick notes:**

A quick reminder about door prizes. As a member, the chapter depends on you to donate door prizes the month of your birthday and the month of your anniversary. This helps to supplement the few door prizes that the chapter purchases. Your door prize contribution is very much appreciated.

If you have gone on any fun rides please send pictures and/or articles to Vance via email and we will include in our monthly Newsletter and/or our website.